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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND/OR RETURNING MEMBERS

Welcome back to RAY S. AND ELLA L. NEWBURY of Livermore, CA; and to FRANCIS O. AND MARGIE BLOUNT of Hampton, VA. VIRGINIA C. HAIRE of Creswell has attended several meetings of WCGS and became a member in August.

After contacting the local library and this editor, CHARLES W. BARNES (LTC) of Fairfax Station, VA, has become our newest member.

Mr. Barnes writes:

"I have done research on and off now since 1979. Most of my research in North Carolina has been in Tyrrell County. Only recently have I begun in Washington County, where I am interested primarily in the BARNES family. My great-great-grandfather, James J. Barnes, moved to Washington County from Tyrrell County sometime after the Civil War and apparently died there between 1897 and 1900. One of his sons, Henderson Barnes, remained in Washington County. My great-grandfather, Wilson I. Barnes, went back to Tyrrell County before 1880. He had two sons, Joseph G. Barnes and Abner M. Barnes, my grandfather. Abner's wife was Frances e. Brickhouse, daughter of William Brickhouse and Georgiana Merritt. Wilson's wife was Sarah Rhodes, daughter of Abram and Elizabeth Rhodes. James J. Barnes married Mary E. Barnes. There are also West's and Alexander's as you extend the lines out further. I have not been able to identify the parents of James J. Barnes yet.

If there are others researching these families, please send their address. I would also appreciate knowing if there are any published genealogies on these families. (I am familiar with the Brickhouse genealogy by Grady Brickhouse.) I would also be happy to share my research with anyone who is interested. My data is in Roots III, so I could send files to someone who is also using a computer program if desired.

One of my primary research objectives is cemetery data...

Of course, I would also like to get in contact with other Barnes descendants of the same line. I am working on determining who they might be through census, marriage and birth records. It would be helpful to get a copy of the page covering the name Barnes in the telephone book(s) covering Washington and Tyrrell Counties.

Thank you for any assistance you can provide. I am looking forward to being a member and meeting you when I get a chance to visit. Charles W. Barnes

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, this year is two-thirds over, but I believe that many things have been accomplished in this period.

Our dues for the coming year have been increased. This came about due to the rising costs of postage and publications.

At our May meeting, it was suggested that some of our members would be interested in speaking at our monthly meetings. Several members signed up to do so and our first speaker was Louise Spruill at our July meeting; in August, Ed Norman; and for September, Lawrence Swain.

Again, I would like to say that this is your society and only you can make it work. Therefore, we welcome any and all suggestions you may have to improve on what we are doing.

We would like to see our out-of-town members respond with their suggestions and to furnish any family information which they would like to have published in our journals or monthly newsletters.

We had our first-ever joint meeting with the Washington County Historical Society during the

month of June. They have invited our members to attend their monthly meetings. We look forward to another joint meeting in the future.

I thank each of you for your help and support shown me during my pres~~Russell~~ Tyson, President

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SUMMER JOURNAL

Has finally been returned from the printer and is being distributed with this newsletter. Submissions are now being accepted for the final journal of this year, the fall issue.

This issue of WCGS News is a two-month one, due to 1) lack of news and 2) lateness of journal.

Please note that address labels have been modified to reflect membership expiration dates. For those who wish to pay 1995 dues before the end of 1994, memberships have increased to \$15 individual, \$18 family.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The annual meeting of WCGS will be held 3 p.m. Sunday, 16 October, 1994, at Washington County Library. The meeting, as are all meetings, is open to the public; however, bylaws provide that only those who have been a dues-paying member for 30 days are eligible to vote. Officers for 1995 will be elected, as will one seat on the Board of Directors.